GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.042 ha** forest land **(FP/TG/OTHERS/443591/2023)** for construction of 4G Mobile Tower and Optical Fiber Cable laying under Government of India, Department of Telecommunications, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of 4G Mobile Services at **Kuntaguda village**, Echoda Division, falling in Adilabad District, Telangana, in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited - Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.89 Dated:04-09-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyderabad, Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/46/2023-FCA Section, Dated:07.10.2023.
2. Govt. Letter.No.4382/For.I(1)/2023, dt:21.10.2023.
3. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Hyd., (RO Chennai), Dt.01.12.2023.
4. From the PCCF(HoFF), TG., Hyd.,Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/46/2023-FCA Section, Dt:13.08.2025.
5. Govt. Letter.No.4382/For.I(1)/2023, dt:22.08.2025.
6. From the Assistant Commissioner(Forestry), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office (RO, Chennai), Hyderabad, Dt:01.09.2025.

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O R D E R

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **0.042 ha** forest land for construction of 4G Mobile Tower and Optical Fiber Cable laying under Government of India, Department of Telecommunications, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of 4G Mobile Services at **Kuntaguda village**, Echoda Division, falling in Adilabad District, Telangana, in favour of M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal No **(FP/TG/OTHERS/443591/2023)** under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of **0.042 ha** forest land **(FP/TG/OTHERS/443591/2023)** for construction of 4G Mobile Tower and Optical Fiber Cable laying under Government of India, Department of Telecommunications, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for Provision of 4G Mobile Services at **Kuntaguda village**, Echoda Division, falling in Adilabad District, Telangana, in favour of

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M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.042 ha.
1.3	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.4	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
1.5	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.6	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.7	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.8	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department
1.9	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.10	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Sub Regional Office, Hyderabad by the end of March every year.
1.11	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.12	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife
1.13	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019
1.14	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.15	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.16	The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006,ifany, on the forest land to be diverted in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the MoEF

1.17	The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year

2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	N/A

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	State Govt. shall take up Compensatory afforestation in the Degraded Forest land (DFL) identified in Compt.No.248 of Adilabad Beat and Range, Adilabad Division, for raising ten times number of trees to be felled (including maintenance) using the funds realised from user agency.
3.2	The State Government and the UA shall implement all the conditions stipulated in the recommendation of the SC NBWL at the cost of the UA
3.3	The User Agency has made payment Rs. 393063/- towards CA, NPV and Wildlife conservation / Management Plan/SMC (Rs.1,52,836/- towards CA, Rs.40,227 /- towards NPV , and Rs.2,00,000/- towards Wild life mitigation/management/SMC plan). The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.
3.4	**The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State ForestDepartment shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.**

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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